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1. UNDER THE HEADLINE "UNITED STATES OPPOSED TO IDEAS CONCERNING CONTROL OF TUNA" THE APRIL 3RD ISSUE OF THE MORNING DAILY, LA REPUBLICA, QUOTES HERBERT NANNE, CHIEF OF THE AGRICULTURE, FISHING AND WILDLIFE SECTION OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, AS STATING THAT AT THE RECENT IATTC MEETING HELD IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, COSTA RICA, TOGETHER WITH MEXICO, PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ANNUAL CATCH LIMIT OF 175,000 TONS AND THE ELIMINATION OF THE PRACTICE OF ALLOWING NATIONAL FLEETS TO ENTER THE RESTRICTED ZONE ONE MORE TIME AFTER THE FISHING SEASON HAS ENDED. REPORTEDLY, THE U.S. OPPOSED, AT LEAST, THE LATTER PROPOSAL. NANNE'S BOSS AT THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,
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EDUARDO BRAVO, TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THE HE WAS UNDER THE

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IMPRESSION THAT THE U.S. WAS ALSO OPPOSED TO THE FORMER PROPOSAL SINCE IT FAVORED THE FIXING OF A LARGER LIMIT. BRAVO STATED THAT THE COSTA RICAN POSITION REFLECTED THE ADVICE OF THE IATTC SCIENTISTS.

2. THE NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT GOES ON TO QUOTE NANNE AS STATING THAT QUOTE THE APPROVAL OF THE 200-MILE LIMIT IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO COSTA RICA SINCE, BESIDES OTHER ADVANTAGES, OUR TUNA IS WITHIN THIS AREA, AS IS THE CASE WITH ALL OF THE COAST OF CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO WHERE THE TUNA PRINCIPALLY SPAWNS. ...COSTA RICA, AS A DEVELOPING COUNTRY, IS INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING THIS RESOURCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TUNA INDUSTRY. END QUOTE. WHEN ASKED WHETHER THESE REMARKS MEANT THAT COSTA RICA CONSIDERS TUNA, A HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES, TO BE A NATIONAL RESOURCE OF A COASTAL STATE, BRAVO DEMURRED, STATING THAT HE BELIEVED THAT THIS IS A QUESTION WHICH IS STILL UNDER DEBATE AT THE LOS CONFERENCE. HE SAID HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY FIRM COSTA RICAN POSITION REGARDING TUNA, ALTHOUGH THERE IS A BILL PENDING CONSIDERATION IN THE LEGISLATURE THAT WOULD SEEK TO HAVE TUNA DECLARED A NATIONAL RESOURCE.

3. COMMENT. THE COSTA RICAN CLAIM TO A 200-MILE PATRIMONIAL SEAS IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE; HOWEVER ITS POSITION REGARDING THE TREATMENT OF MIGRATORY RESOURCES WITHIN THAT AREA IS NOT CLEAR AND HAS PROBABLY NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED. IT IS INTERESTING, HOWEVER, TO NOTE NANNE'S REMARKS IN THE LIGHT OF THE EMPHASIS NOAA REGIONAL DIRECTOR HOWARD PLACED ON THE MIGRATORY NATURE OF THE TUNA HERD DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO COSTA RICA. NANNE, WHO WAS PRESENT FOR HOWARD'S PRESENTATION, COULD NOT HAVE BEEN UNAWARE OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THIS ISSUE AND THE FACT THAT IT WAS STILL BEING DEBATED IN LOS WHICH RAISES THE QUESTION OF WHETHER HIS REMARKS MIGHT NOT INDEED REFLECT AN AS YET UNANNOUNCED COSTA RICAN POSITION ON THIS ISSUE.
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